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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 09/390,634; Filed: September 7, 1999
For: **Method for Expanding Embryonic Stem Cells in Serum-Free Culture**
Inventors: Price *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4190002/SRL/FRC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
2. Reply to Final Office Action;
3. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
4. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of **\$1,810.00** to cover the following fees:

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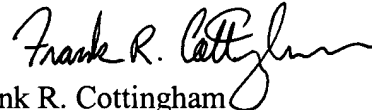
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